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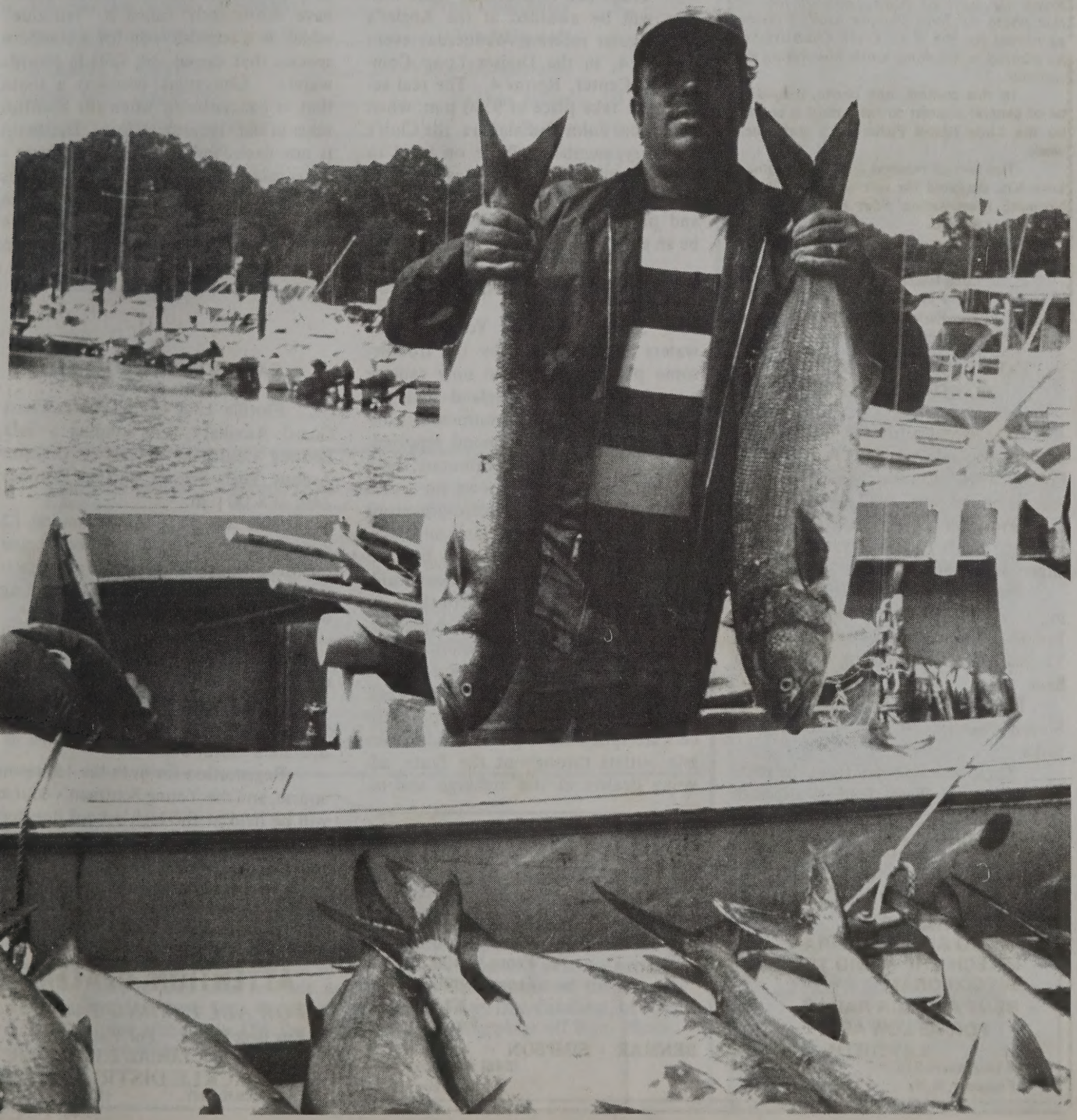

RAPALA'S INTERESTING PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Frank Balchaiti of Point Lookout sent us this photo of John (Popper head) Williams so named for the ¾ oz. Creek Chub Popper he planted in his dome while bluefishing this summer.

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"TAKE A KID FISHING WEEK" CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the Co-op City Anglers Second Annual "Take A Kid Fishing Week" Contest, which was held Sat., 8/19 and Sun., 8/27 are:

Pre-Teen Division, Fresh Water Fishing: Scott Paness, 4 yrs. old, 1 lb. largemouth black bass.

Pre-Teen Division, Salt Water Fishing: A tie between seven year old Jonathan Kaplan and Terresa Racanelli, 11 years old, for boating a 1 lb. sea bass.

Teenage Group, Salt Water Fishing: Steven Pachlin, 14 yrs., 1 lb. 12 oz. fluke.

There was no entry from the teenagers in Fresh Water fishing, although a number of them did try, but without success.

During this week, the Co-op City Anglers also sponsored a Salt Water Fishing Trip on the Capt. Reynold's out of Captree Marina, picking up the tab for the children attending. This trip turned out to be a complete success with over 20 fluke being caught along with a number of sea bass, sea squab (blowfish), etc. There were times when the kids were squeeling with excitement bringing up fish over the rails at a rapid pace. The sun shone brightly that day and the sea was calm, which gave the finishing touch to an enjoyable day.

Prizes and trophies for these winners will be awarded at the Angler's next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, 10/4, in the Dreiser Loop Community Center, Room 4. The real action will take place at 9:00 p.m. when State Sen. John D. Calandra, the Club's honorary member, will be on hand to assist in this most pleasant task. Everyone is welcome to attend to witness and participate in what is planned to be an exciting evening.

ARE SHELLFISH GOOD TO EAT?

Shellfish in New York's marine waters are unaffected by the troublesome plankton organism now causing a problem in New England shellfish, Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Henry L. Diamond reported.

"Our rigorous, continuous shellfish testing program shows no traces of the dinoflagellate (a micro-organism) presently found in soft clams and mussels harvested in northern New England waters," Commissioner Diamond said. "Thus, New Yorkers can continue to enjoy clams and other shellfish produced in New York's marine waters."

"To assure that shellfish from the embargo area are not sold in New York State, Department Conservation Officers are spot checking retail and wholesale outlets throughout the State, advising dealers of the embargo and instructing them not to sell shellfish received from the embargo area since September 5," Commissioner Diamond said.

"Only shellfish certified by the Department of Environmental Conservation will be available to the seafood eating public," he added.

Commissioner Diamond pointed out that the causative organism, technically named Gonyaulax is a northern species that periodically becomes abundant in nearshore waters off Nova Scotia and northern Maine. The present "bloom" is the first recorded in Massachusetts. It never has bloomed in New York's waters. Some reports have erroneously called it "red tide" which is a popular term for a southern species that causes fish kills in Florida waters. Gonyaulax contains a toxin that is concentrated when the shellfish takes in the organism as food. The toxin is not destroyed by heat or pressure as in cooking or canning - and produces such symptoms as tingling of the lips and tongue, nausea, and, in extreme cases, respiratory difficulty when eaten by individuals.

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Flotilla 13-8 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, will conduct a Safe Boating Course at Levittown Division Avenue High School starting October 24th at 8:00 p.m.

This will be a new expanded 12 lesson course covering weather, engine maintenance, radio, compass and charting in addition to the usual boating handling and safety lessons.

Also conducted concurrently, will be a 4-lesson Younf Boatman's Safety Course that will enable youngsters between the ages of 10 and 15 to earn their New York State Certificate to operate a motor boat.

Registration for both the 12 lesson course, and the Young Boatman's course will be held at the high school, located on Division Avenue, Levittown, on October 17th, 19th, at 8:00 p.m.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Bluefishing remains excellent throughout Long Island Sound. The good thing about fall bluefishing is that more of these choppers are feeding near the surface so bulky wire or lead lines are not needed. The western end of the Sound seems to hold the larger fish. Our front page photo shows Dan Catalano, of Rye, N.Y., with nine blues up to 18¾ lbs., caught on swimming plugs off Rye. Photo courtesy of the Milton Point Tackle Shop.

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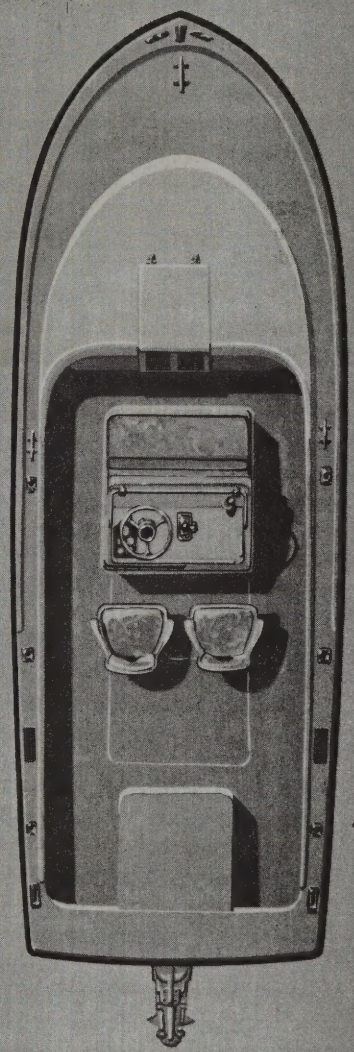

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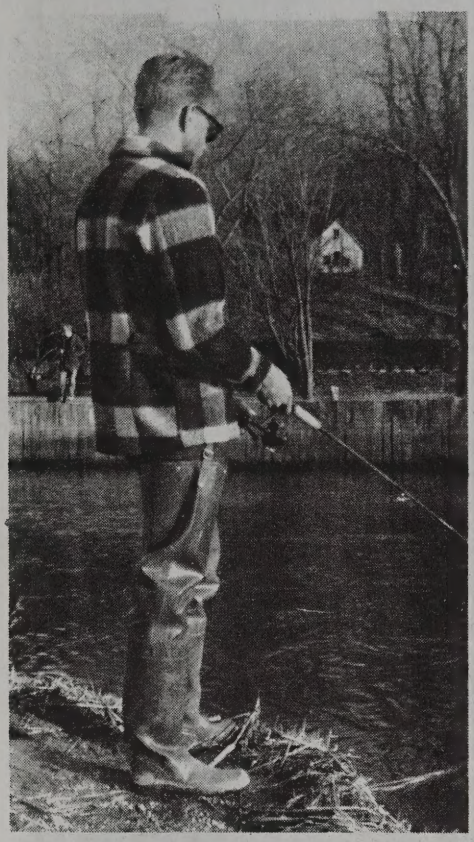
THE TEN POUND TROUT

By Don Vetter



Pool on Nissequogue (described in article).

AS A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER of Vince Guaglianone's epic pursuit of the fifty pound striped bass in 'Strictly Casting,' I have a confession to make. Along with Vince, Captain Ahab and other men possessed, I too am lost in eternal pursuit of the 'White Whale.' My personal Moby Dick is a ten pound trout.

Since I have seen him countless times in my mind's eye, I can tell you quite a bit about him; I even have a pretty good idea where we will eventually meet. He is a deep-bodied, sea-run brown, with spots the size of dimes on his silvery flanks; the creamy yellow coloration of his freshwater days has turned to chrome in the salt chuck. I like to picture him as having taken a fly (a large White Marabou streamer perhaps?), but something deep down inside tells me he will probably succumb to live bait.

Not far from the great bronze bull (commemorating 'Bull' Smith's legendary ride), Jericho Turnpike crosses a small stream. Rising in a chain of small ponds within the former Weld estate, the Nissequogue River changes character quickly in its short march to the Sound. From a narrow, winding stream, which flows placidly beneath the picturesque Landing Avenue Bridge, it becomes a broad tidal estuary, before crossing the bar to join Smithtown Bay.

Even when viewed from a single spot (the aforementioned Landing Bridge, for example), the Nissequogue is a river of many faces. When the tide is out, you may see it as a little, jump-across brook, bubbling peacefully amid broad shingle banks. In the full bore of flooding tide, the shingle disappears, and the brook becomes a river in more than name only. Clumps of widgeon grass, borne from the salt marshes downstream, scud along the surface, carried by the making tide.

Beneath the undercut mud banks, deep in his dark lair, lurks the big trout. With a flick of his broad tail, he moves gracefully out into the main stream; a school of barred killiefish scatter in panic at the swift approach of his menacing form. Upriver he swims, moving silently through the still, moonlit water. On he comes, under the Landing Bridge, to the small pool beside the wooden bulkhead. A weeping willow hangs out over the water; the moon's reflection draws a silver path across the river.

Following his own obscure drives, a perch lazily fins along, in search of unwary minnows, oblivious of the great trout's approach. A swift lunge, and the still, moonlit water is shattered into a thousand silver shards. The ripples subside and all is quiet once more; the Nissequogue is minus one white perch.

I have fished this river with varying degrees of success for more than eight years, but the great trout has always escaped me. Floundering through the treacherous mud (friends have warned me that I'll be swallowed up without a trace here someday), on many a dark night, I have often sworn to give up the pursuit, while fighting a swarm of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. My biggest trout from the river (or anywhere else for that matter), was a 6 pound 4 ounce brown, taken in June, 1967. There are bigger fish to fry, of this I am certain.

One May morning in 1964, I chanced upon a youngster whose huge trout pulled my de-liar to the 8 pound mark (as far as it would go). This big brown had taken a gob of nightcrawlers in broad daylight! It was enough to make a night-prowling fanatic stomp on his Orvis Battenkill. Since I was somewhat wet behind the ears myself in those days, I was not unduly shocked at the prospect of taking brownies in the daytime. Needless to say, I soon found that this is not usually the way to do it.

The brown trout is nocturnal by nature, and becomes more so with age. They lie in dark holes, and beneath undercut banks during the daylight hours, and do most of their feeding

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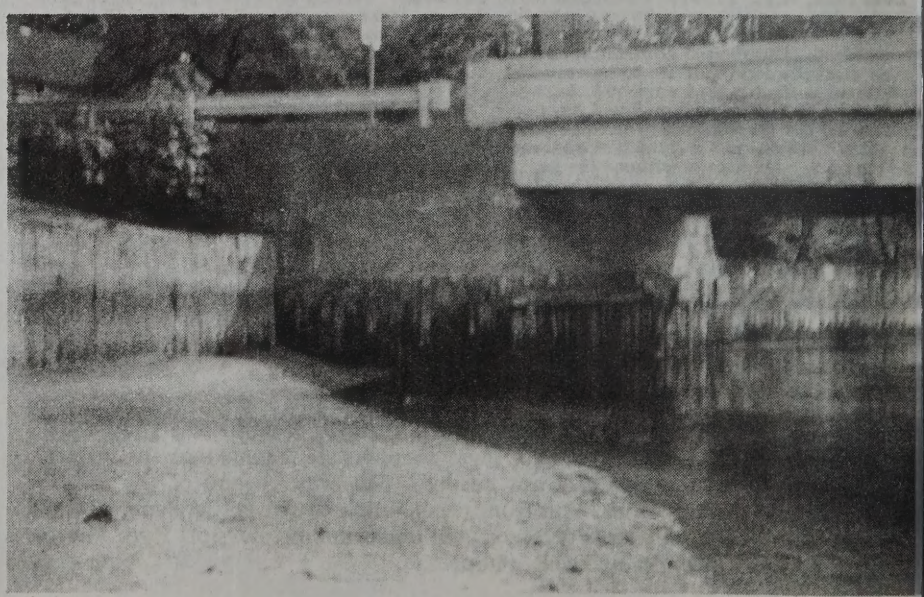

Landing Bridge, Nissequogue at low tide.

L.I. SMALL GAME SEASON

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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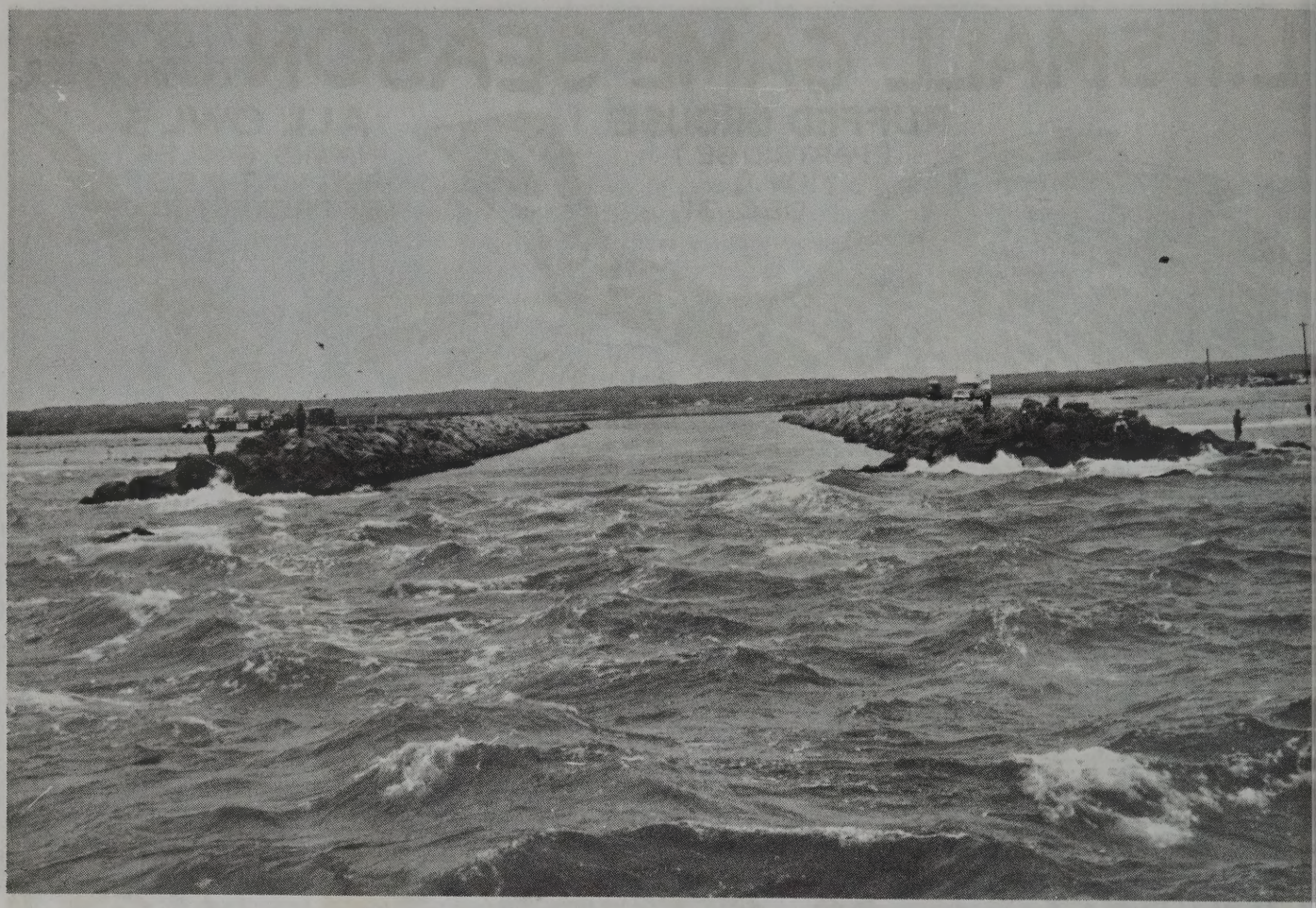


This is Charlestown Breachway, R.I. a hot spot for big stripers in the fall of the year.

When Rhode Island Fishing Is Hot

By Vlad Evanoff

WHEN THE WEATHER and water cools fishing both from the surf and boats in Rhode Island gets hot. My favorite month in Rhode Island has always been October both for big stripers and schoolies. What I like most about Rhode Island in the fall is that the fishing can get hot and you can often have fast action for two or three days in a row. On one trip there we had five straight days of striper fishing mostly from shore but also from a boat!

Of course, like any fishing spot there are days when fishing is poor or slow. Or the weather and water conditions or the absence of baitfish can adversely affect the fishing. But if you know your spots and water and spend at least several days fishing, chances are good that you can get some good fishing at this time of year. The longer your stay, of course, the better your chances of getting into some red hot action.

I have been in Rhode Island during Indian summer weather when the water was flat and calm and fishing was poor in October. Especially in the surf where some white water or turbulent water always helps. But even then we would shift to boat fishing at night with live eels and usually wind up with some fish. Or if we were staying for a week or two we would usually get a strong wind or storm which would build up some surf and then the stripers would start feeding again.

What I like best about Rhode Island is the variety and long shoreline which can be fished. Rhode Island may be a small state but there are miles or irregular rocky coastline which is studded with rocks, boulders, rocky points, coves and cliffs which provide plenty of fishing spots and space. Both for surf anglers and boat anglers. And if you don't like to fish from rocks you can always try the sand beaches along the south shore.

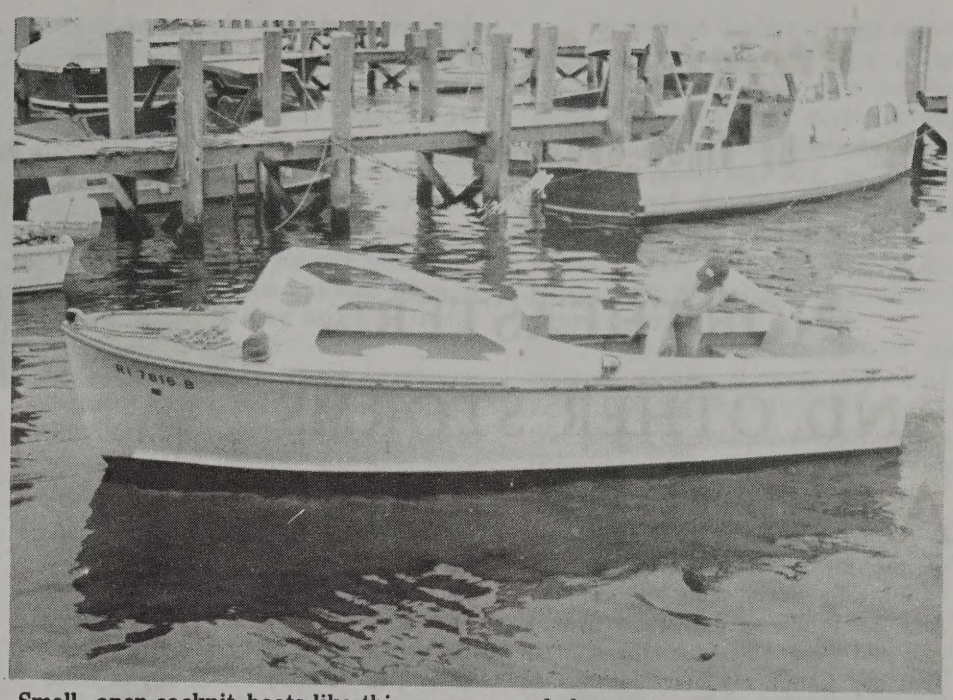
Once you get to know a few fishing spots and take a few fish from certain spots in Rhode Island you have a big advantage when fishing the rocky shoreline. These spots rarely change from year to year and if you take a striper from one spot you can come back next year and take more from the same spot. In fact, you don't have to wait a year. If you catch a striped bass or two from a spot come back the next tide or the next day and chances are good that a new fish has move into the same spot and you can catch him too!

Stripers are caught in Rhode Is

land from spring to fall, but the fishing usually takes place in September and October. Around this time of year big schools of stripers leave Narragansett Bay, other bays and rivers and are joined by other schools moving south and during this migration stop off to feed along the rocky shores and sand beaches on various kinds of baitfish.

At such times you'll often see gulls and birds wheeling and diving offshore when the stripers chase the baitfish to the surface. Or you'll see the fish themselves breaking water while chasing the smaller fish. Or you'll see other anglers lined up and catching stripers.

But you don't have to actually see birds working or fish breaking to catch them. You can work a shoreline by casting into likely spots such as white water around submerged and exposed rocks, boulders, points, over sunken reefs and raise fish especially early in the morning and evening. Night fishing can also be productive from shore or a boat.



Small, open-cockpit boats like this one are used for trolling and casting for striped bass in Rhode Island.

The tackle you use in Rhode Island fishing will be about the same as you use on Long Island for stripers or bluefish. When casting from rocky points, ledges, cliffs with deep water close by you don't need too long or too heavy a spinning or conventional rod. A surf rod that is similar to those used from Long Island or New Jersey rock jetties is perfect for this rocky shore fishing. Short casts will get fish here. But there are a few spots where long, heavy surf rods such as those preferred by many anglers fishing Montauk Point come in handy.

Naturally if you are going after big stripers and casting heavy lures or baits you can use somewhat heavier rods and stronger lines. But in most places you'll run into mostly schoolies at this times of year and I've had great sport using a one-handed spinning rod, small spinning reel and 8 or 10 pound test line for these stripers even from the rocky shores. And it is even more practical when used from a boat for small stripers.

Rhode Island stripers will hit many of the same lures used elsewhere. If the water is rough and white and you need distance to reach the fish, a metal squid or Hopkins lures is good. If the small bass are in and feeding on baitfish use small surface poppers, and swimmers and small underwater plugs. Jigs are also good for schoolies especially from a boat. For big cow bass use large surface poppers, swimmers, big underwater plugs, plastic eels and rigged eels and eelskin lures. Live eels, bunkers, herring or mackerel can be killers both from shore and especially when drifting in a boat over hot spots. Nights tides are better than day tides for big bass.

The Narragansett area of Rhode Island has many good fishing spots. Along the stretch north of the town there is Anawan, Frechman's Rock, the Horseshoe, Suicide Rocks, Fort Varnum, Black Reef, the Clumps and Narrow River. Here you'll find a wide variety of rocky points, reefs, coves, ledges and rocks and boulders which produce fish. Some spots are best at high water, others on the half tides and still others at the low tides. At the mouth of the Narrow River, for example, the best fishing takes place when the tide is half out and up to the start of the incoming.

Closer to the town of Narragansett you'll find the Dunes Club Beach, a sandy stretch, the rocky along Ocean Road and Casino Wall, Monahan's Cove, Flat Rock, Gunning Rock, Newton Ave. and the Swimming Pool. Most of this is high rocky ledges slanting into the water with deep water alongside the rocks. Fish will be found pockets, gullies and coves along this stretch.

The next stretch of coastline includes such hot spots as Wanamaker's, Nathan's Cove, Black Point, Stewart's and Scarborough Beach and the Sheepyard. You can spend many years fishing this short stretch and still not cover all the possibilities. There are high, cliffs, coves, reefs, gullies and pockets where thousands of stripers of all sizes from schoolies to 60-pounders have been caught through the years.

Farther south is Pt. Judith near the lighthouse which is a rocky point filled with many small rocks and a few boulders. It is similar to the water in front of the Montauk Pt. Lighthouse and just as tough to fish. Long casts are required here and fast reeling and sinking lures like metal squids get hung up often. If the fish get in close or the wind is in your back you can also use small poppers effectively. Most of the fish you catch here will be small, but some mornings, evenings and nights big ones are taken from shore. You'll catch more big fish if you fish this section from a boat.

The Pt. Judith breakwater produces stripers, blackfish or tautog, and pollock. The pollock usually come in late in October or early November.

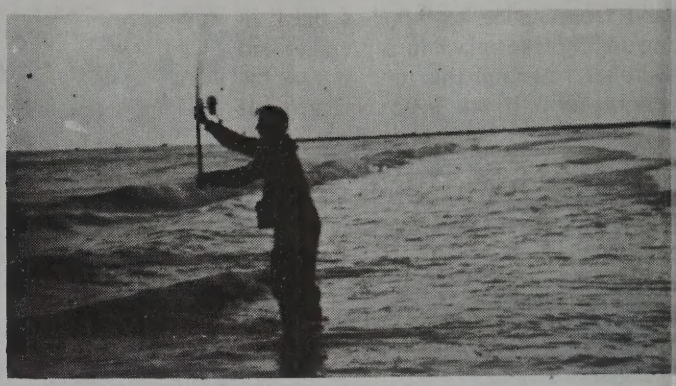
Along the south shore of Rhode Island we have Matunuck Beach and Bar, Green Hill, Charlestown Beach and Inlet, East Beach, Quonochontaug, Weekapaug Beach and Inlet and Watch Hill. Here you'll find combinations or rocky stretches and points and sand beaches. Beach buggies are helpful when fishing some of these spots. This section of the south shore is also good to work from a boat by casting, trolling or drifting with live eels.

So if you come to Rhode Island and hit it right you'll enjoy some of the fastest fishing of your life. And if you're like most surf and boat fishermen who like striped bass fishing you'll come back again and again.

Strictly Casting

By Vince Guaglianone

THE NORTHEASTER, AND OTHER STORMS



A LIGHTNING STORM so intense that it woke us up in the middle of the night was followed the next morning by heavy rains and cold air. And the following day was still dark and cold from a fierce northeast blast. That day I took my body to work to earn a living, but all the rest of me was on the beach.

Northeast wind - I would pick Cedar Beach. I would pick the west corner of the Sore Thumb or, if that did not work, I would get on the Thumb itself and try that diagonal rip on the ebb. After all, it was building now to a moon-strong tide: four days till the full moon.

If the Thumb's rip gave no fish I would roll westward in the dirty beach buggy, searching the water for mullet, searching the sky for birds, and stopping first perhaps at the white water sandbar in front of Little Bluffs where a cove begins - to the right of Cedar Overlook. That cove is followed by the big cove west of Cedar Beach proper. A long sandspit is its side. From here the shore curves in widely and then out toward the distant Coast Guard building on Gilgo Beach . . .

The northwester of August 27 had sent mullet from the bays into the surf line. Since that date predominantly northerly winds, cold winds, joined to the cool of longer nights must have sent more mullet out . . . A lot of cold had built up since August 27; and now it was September 20 already. And there was this northeast storm. But it was a workday, Wednesday.

You saw the L.I.F. cover photo of the 41-pounder and 38 other stripers, beached at Cedar by two surfmen that Wednesday. Bet you there was action also at the Rockaways; at Point Lookout; at Moriches on the west side of the Inlet; at Shinnecock on the west side of that Inlet; in the surf in front of Wainscott Pond, west of the Georgica opening. Is there nobody to further verify this observation? - that when a strong northeaster blows in the fall, the beaches west of the inlets get most of the bait (especially mullet), and therefore most of the fish, all along the south shore of Long Island. Anybody that beached fish at any of these other beaches during that northeast blast around September 20, we would appreciate your notifying us of it. Especially with a photo. It is most gratifying to find surf-caught fish on the cover of this magazine, for a change.

Another observation that you may be pleased to verify for autumn, is that when a northwester blows strong over a day, all the beaches on the south shore east of all the inlets get most of the bait. Like West End of Jones Beach (instead of Point Lookout) in relation to Jones Inlet; or Southampton Beach in relation to Shinnecock Inlet.

When a northeast storm blows, roughing up the Atlantic, and then it subsides and falls calm or the wind rises from the south: then in a couple of days the surf gets full of weed from the torn up ocean bottom and from the bays too. Then it gets very chancy and picky in the surf until several ebb tides flush it out. Or if the wind turns north again . . .

When I got home from work that Wednesday night, Rich Reina over the phone told of how the action was from 10 a.m. till about 5 p.m.: mid-ebb through most of the incoming, apparently. 39 stripers. All on surface plugs.

O brother . . .

The northeaster still blasted that night so we shot out. It was high outgoing and though the first baits (spearing) showed around midnight, it was time to leave Cedar Beach so that I could go to work the next day. No fish. Unless those eel-casters I had fought in front of the Overlook hit some.

The next day Martha went out under the relentless northeaster, and found nothing. She stayed in front of the Overlook and left about 3 p.m. She did not make the long trudge west to that big cove's beginning, that long sandspit leaning seaward like a jetty where the surf breaks over and criss cross waves roll in on the flood.

Friday morning we saw that the wind had shifted, northwest and strong clearing the sky. If I could I would choose the Pocket at West End on the mid-ebb besides the Jones Jetty; or the new bar inside Jones Inlet. But, you know how it is: "Wednesday the fish were in at Cedar." - Wonder about it on the way to work?

One thing suddenly became very sure. To hell with the job I was getting out there because I could not take this any longer and I'm forgetting about the winds too. Cedar Beach.

Friday morning there was nothing but the beauty of Cedar Beach under a blue sky; a clear surf crashing strong from the pull of the big moon, even though the invigorating wind at our back pushed against it; not much mullet in the wash; and crowds of casters and of 4-wheel drives. We went on searching and casting.

We settled quite along behind that long sandspit and watched for birds. One tall surfman walking by, halted for my usual half-pumping words. He was here yesterday and found fish right here at this big cove's beginning: from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Martha, where were you?) The incoming tide again and under the northeaster. A crowd of guys here yesterday all took fish; and also on Wednesday. And including two 50 pounders. Do you believe the man?

I almost believe everything until I find out otherwise. A good mullet run; the northeaster; a moon tide; the autumn: these are 50-pounder conditions. You saw the photo of the 41.

But what do all these guys do for a living that they can take off like this three days in a row?

A lot of them, answered my fellow

surfman, take vacations now.

But it's only September. September has been dead these past five years: warm and muggy Septembers. How could they know in advance that this September would be cold as it should be?

I agree with dead Septembers for only these past three years, said my tall fellow surfman who had caught his share yesterday.

Maybe so. But talking now would not work anything. So with the red sun sinking I snapped on the green and gold popper I had made two years ago, and moved down for another cast. It should have been (I was still thinking) at West End or Fire Island under this northwest blast.

The green-gold popper I tried to put out alongside the verticle sandbar, where it dropped off and on the right side. The tide would swing the plug left into the tumultuous shallow surf atop the bar, in front of me. A diagonal cast, about 250 feet out, and I only closed the bail. Martha said later that my rod was really bent hard over.

Sonofabitch, said my fellow surfman who had been casting all day too. Now he ran down right next to me and casted over my line. Don't move so much, he advised; you'll have the whole crowd over here.

Don't move so much! The fish, taking out short bursts of line, was yet running leftward with the tide; not out. This guy was blocking me and, the way he was standing, weight all on his left leg: I could sweep the right foot from under him. He would not be hurt on the sand. But if he was mad when he got up, I might have to let go of the rod with both hands.

He might have seen it in my eyes because he volunteered to move under my line. This was easy now for him to do, as notice my line was now rising high. Next I witnessed one of those sights which does make even this whole thing worthwhile. Just for this sight, I would not take back any of the twenty jobs I borrowed during the past fourteen years.

Past the crashing breakers, I saw the long husky bass shoot straight up magnificently from between two swells; her back to me and her head shaking. Then the line was all mine again. She threw the plug. Later I noticed that the hooks needed sharpening. Sharpen your hooks.

Lose him, asked my fellow surfcaster . . .

Meanwhile the beach buggy crowd sped over. During sunset and as the round moon rode hugely over the Fire Island Bridge everybody started getting schoolies, a few small blues, and later when the crowd had left, we walked eastward with the last of the incoming tide; casting and walking with our retrieves. There were two 20-pounders just past the wash which were subdued after some enjoyment in peace.

There was no indication of the presence of any of these fish. And, inscrutably, all these fish hit only surface plugs: Stan Gibbs Pencils and any poppers. (Continue to try the big swimmers as it gets colder.)

This article is being written very differently now, from the way it originally was on Friday night when I included a description of some beaches for autumn under strong south winds ; beaches new to many. This is because of what happened on Saturday, September 23.

At Cedar on that day this guy in a blue Wagoneer, 7684 HQ, complained to the policeman about somebody who did not have a Babylon Township Sticker on his vehicle. I do NOT believe that

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Con You Deceive?

by DON MILLER

THE EVENING'S FISHING had been very tiring. We hadn't seen nor caught a single fish, even though we worked our plugs over miles of water. Perhaps in the morning things would be different.

I eased my weary body deep under the bedsheets, smiled when I thought of Ed tripping over a rock and landing rear down in a deep pool of water, and then I slept.

The telephone rang for the fifth time. At least that was my count before I swung my legs over the side of the bed.

My wife snorted, "If that's Eddy. Who the hell does he think he is callin- at this hour?"

I made six wavering steps before I stubbed my big toe on the bottom edge of the bedroom door. Yes, I agreed, "If that's Ed . . ."

I didn't get the telephone receiver halfway to my ear when I heard the familiar voice, "Hello Don, this is Ed." (Need he tell me?) "I just got the word from cousin Puff. He hit fish long after you and I left the Point last night."

With my leg twisted up somewhere near my belly-button, where I could hold and comfort my broken toe, I started to ask Ed why he couldn't wait till morning to tell me all this. After all, we would be fishing together again in only a few hours. But I never got the chance.

Ed rattled on, telling how it was with Puff. I was hardly listening, until he said, "Never mind that 5 o'clock stuff. We had better get down to the Point before four. Be at my house at 3:30. See you then."

See you then? I would be lucky if I could see the roads between my house in Glenwood and Ed's home in Glen Cove. Sleep and I went well together.

Nevertheless, with bandaged toe, toothpicks propped under my eyelids, waders and all, I complied. After all Ed's past judgements, no matter how he arrived at them, ran a better percantage at getting into fish than not.

Therefore, it came as no surprise to me when at precisely 4 o'clock in the morning, standing on the wall at the Point, Ed hooked and landed a good bass. It was the first of several that the two of us would drag over the wall before the watch on my wrist showed 5 o'clock.

I hadn't heard much of that late-nite telephone description about Puff's big score. And I had been too drowsy during the ride to the Point to press for a fill-in. But now that the blood was running fast in my veins, pumped by the stripers that finally quit hitting, I asked Ed exactly how Puff had made out the night before. I was eager to make a comparison.

"Oh yeah, cousin Puff. He didn't do much more than raise a few small swirls last night; said he had a hit or two." Ed surrendered that bit of information without ever cracking a smile.

If it weren't for the eight stripers, spread out neatly in the car's trunk, I could have sworn that I had been HAD.

I grasped the full meaning of that sly bit of deception years later, when, no longer with Ed around as a fishing companion, I was forced to create some of my own stimulants. And, as time went on, I would expand on his excitable technique to further my own aim at becoming a striped bass sharpshooter.

Several summers ago (nine years, to be exact), I had conceded to my ever-patient spouse that our old house was in desperate need of a face lifting. For five long weeks, each night after work and on the weekends, I scraped, painted, cleaned brushes, slugged beer, and never went fishing. I don't know when my wife ever loved me more.

The job finally got done and I was anxious to get back into our more natural domestic habit of fighting over how many hours I spend fishing.

I had been left out of the "grapevine," so it was imperative that I take the initiative and make a number of phone calls. I included a call to the local tackle shop and tried to pry as much information as I could from anyone who would talk. My long awaited assault on the local bass would be a pre-planned operation.

The news was a surprise. Bass fishing was poor and any news was sparse. Indeed, it lacked anything at all to go on. I had not been the only one stuck at home doing civilized chores. Many of my contacts were also quietly sitting on their hands, waiting for someone else to get the ball rolling.

Undaunted, I loaded my skiff with all the necessary tools and trailered it down to the local ramp the following morning.

Once out on the water, I too prematurely concluded that the action must be slow; there wasn't another respected bass fisherman to be seen at any of the favoirte haunts, and I covered them all.

To be sure, I expanded my perimeter and frothed every inch of water east and west of the local harbor. At days end, my only action was a near sighted bass of only a few pounds; he missed my plug by a country mile.

Conditions were more than right they were perfect. Was it possible that my timing was off? Running around looking for signs of fish may have pulled me away from the right spot at the wrong time. But how was it possible for me to nail it down with more precision? I couldn't be at several locations at the same time.

One sure way of finding out would have been to swap a little chit-chat with the day's friendly anglers or to watch the hostile ones for hidden clues. But there weren't any bass fishermen to talk to or to focus the binoculars on.

That night I got back to work with the telephone.

Did I stretch it a little when I stated, "Sure I had action. I boiled some mighty big fish at the Point and missed just as many other pigs at damned near every site that I dropped my plug."

This word had to be passed only to a few, the rest would get the blown up version through the grapevine.

Sure as hell, the next day I had to share the harbor with a whole fleet of sharpies. A few of them I didn't recognize. Could I have been scraping paint that long?

I asked one of the strange fishermen how he was making out. Do you know what he told me?

"Haven't seen or done anything myself, but I heard that some guy clobbered the heck out of them yesterday."

It was working.

My luck had run about the same as the day before. I tumbled another "rat" and missed a second.

Later that night I sat to work, compiling all the pieces of info that I could get others to surrender. A half dozen phone calls later and I had what I wanted.

One unsuspecting friend hinted at more than he was willing to divulge. Another friend told me where he had seen friend-one fishing. Yet another friendly accomplice told me that friend-one had weighed in a 30-pound specimen at the local tackle shop.

The time of the catch? Friend-one worked a day job and moonlighted in the late evening. His wife told me that he went early in the morning.

The next morning, just at dawn, one hour past the bottom of the tide, at friend-one's hideout, I made my best score of that season, ten bass in all, four biggies went better than 30 pounds.

Naturally I had had to share the spot with friend-one; he fared well also. Looking over our shoulders, we could see others skimming towards other grounds. The excitement would last for another week; I wouldn't fear the crowd. I got mine and that's what counted most. If it came to a contest, I would have to rely on my experience to best them again.

Oh yes. The one-day-onlies were eliminated after the first trial day. Unhappy with their results, it would be weeks before anyone could con them out bass fishing again.

TEN POUND TROUT

fter dark. The biggies that I'm talking bout, are salt-run fish in the main, and re not resident in the stream year ound. Small head, deep body and ilver sides are the mark of salter trout. he rich food supply of Long Island ound accounts for the faster growth ate of these fish.

Although sea-runs can be found the river during the spring months, is the fall spawning urge which probably draws the greatest number of returnees. The Conservation Department's decision to extend the trout season through October in the Nissequogue and other tidal streams, has given us a big break. Without the massive plantings of young brown trout over the years, we would not have this fishery at all. My hat is off to the dedicated men of our Conservation Department.

Since I'm after the big one, you won't find me employing light tackle here. The 8½ foot bass rod with WF8S fly line, will enable me to work big streamers through the deeper spots. A 6½ foot spin stick, medium action, with 8 pound test (or better) mono, will serve well for live bait fishing. A nice big roach (shiner), on a 1/0 or 2/0 Eagle Claw hook would be my first choice in the bait department.

I've been after that ten pounder for a long time now, and I have a feeling that this may be the year - if you don't get him first. Good luck and tight lines.

Hudson River Report

by PETE BARRETT

Slowly but surely the Hudson's striper fishing is picking up along the city shoreline to Yonkers. Snappers are still all over Haverstraw and Croton Bay and freshwater bass men are seeing better fishing in the creeks and lakes adjacent to the river. Crabbing is excellent.

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CLAVERACK

Lake Kopake gave up another "Norlunge" to a Kingston fisherman named John Vickers. John used spinning tackle to cast live shiners for the 33", 121 lb. fish and also caught a mess of smaller bass and panfish. Nack's Tackle Shop reports good smallmouth fishing in the Roeliff Jansen Kill. Canoes and inflatable boats are fine for drift fishing with live shiners and casting small bucktails in yellow or blue. Silver swimmers like the Rapala and Mee-Mee are also fish takers. Most of the action is still concentrated under the Rt. 9 G bridge but look for them to spread out as the water cools. Columbia Creek has been only fair in the last week and no trout have been taken for over a week from Claverack Creek.

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KINGSTON

Roundout and Esopus Creeks are continuing to produce only 1¼ to 2 lb. smallmouth according to Roy's Bait & Tackle. Everyone is wondering and waiting until the bigger bass begin their fall feeding spree. On the Hudson, catfishing is improving and some stripers have been reported from Livingston Creek.

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WAPPINGERS FALLS

Largemouth bass fishing is picking up at Wappingers Lake. Indicative of the good catches now starting to come in to the B & M Bait Shop were Shorty Peters 3½ lber. and Bob Jackson's three bass to 3 lbs. 5 oz. Shorty used live minnows while Bob preferred nightcrawlers. Both men are fishing down deep. Al Brenenstoul of B & M says some trollers score using Rebels trolled with a sinker ahead of the lure. Along the shoreline surface poppers are giving pluggers good sport. Best fishing in the Lake is from a boat and Al has nice boats and motors available for those fishermen who don't have their own. Crabbing on the Hudson is excellent and white perch are abundant. Stripers are just now starting to be caught with some regularity.

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VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle reports snappers are a little larger now and crabbing is the best its ever been. One of his customers who rented a boat had 178 blue crabs in a bushel on Friday. The oyster beds off George's Island are the spots to try. Annsville Creek by Peekskill is also good. Some stripers have been reported but haven't been confirmed. Charlie Kall learned to never turn his back on Lake Meaugh largemouths. When he did, a big "Hawg" swallowed his bait and swam off with Charlie's rod and reel!!

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CROTON POINT

Fishing is slow right now in the Croton area. Snappers are running larger with 12 to 14" blues available. Crabbing is slacking off and locals are patiently waiting for "Mr. Bass" to return to Croton Bay for the fall run.

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OSSINING

Crabs and snappers are everywhere along the East Hudson shore from the Tappan Zee bridge to Sing-Sing. Tony's Bait & Tackle reports good snapper fishing at Kemmies Cove, Bishops Rocks and at the Rockland Lighthouse. White

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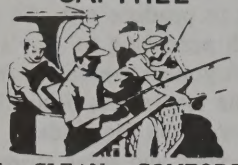

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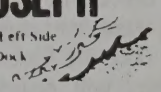
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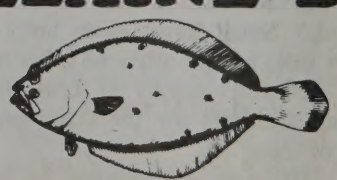
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Greg Ruggiero and Ed Wiegan, of Brooklyn, with 28 fluke caught 2 miles off the Rockaway Jetty.

perch are plentiful under the Tappan Zee bridge and at Scarborough. Reports of stripers are trickling in but most fish are small. Croton Lake and the Kensico Reservoir black bass is improving for anglers using live shiners and crayfish.

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FORT LEE

Ed Graser of The Outdoorsmen, Ltd. in Fort Lee reports good white perch fishing and crabbing at the Palisades Interstate Park. Across the River at the Spuyten Duyvil, striper fishing is improving. Bass are being taken from Inwood Park north to Riverdale along the Penn Central tracks. Fish the beginning of either tide with poppers and bucktails. One 14 pounder was reported on Thursday and many other bass to 3 pounds are showing. Snappers at Piermont are running about 12" and occasionally larger. Bigger blues seem to have abandoned the Statue of Liberty but Al Fennen did plug a few to 4 lbs. off Robbins Reef.

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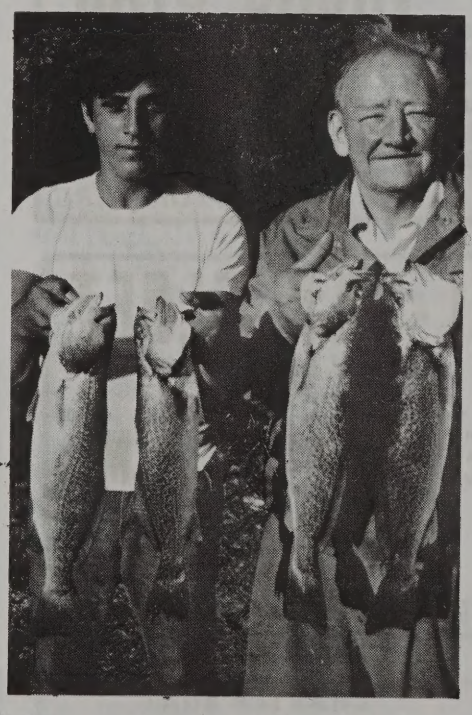

John Scaglione and Whitey Egan with 4 of 8 weakfish to 3 lbs. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop, Staten Island.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Hennings Fishing Station reports you can get any kind of fish you want in this area. Bass up to 38 lbs. on bunker and weaks to 8 lbs. on squid strips at Rockaway. Kings are at the beaches off the Rocks. Blacks are at the 28th street wreck and Atlantic Beach Bridge. The flounders show for the first time today at Reynolds Channel. Blues are being caught up to 10¾ lbs. at Sea Bright, Rockaway and the Tin Can Grounds. Atlantic Beach Bridge has some nice bass action, your best bet is clam bellies chummed. Very big snappers at Reynolds Channel.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The report for Bay End Dock is big blues at the end of Rockaway Jetty. These blues go to 13 pounds. Tony Farbreizo and Jack Jacobs and sons had about 25 blues and some bass to 8 lbs. They were trolled with tubes on bucktail. Plenty of weaks off of the College or Round House. Worms and squid or shrimp-tout are producing fish from 1 to 3 lbs. Some blacks at Manhattan Beach about 2 lbs. each.

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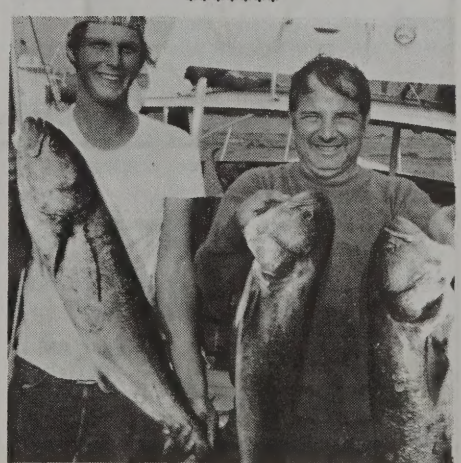

George Keramis and Donald Thompson, of West Hempstead, with three blues up to 16 lbs., caught off the New Jersey Highlands.

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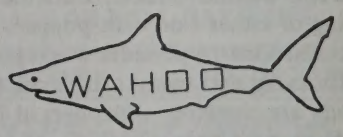
SHARK 

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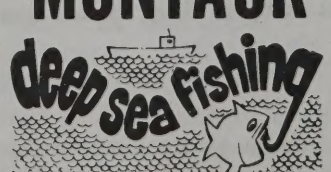

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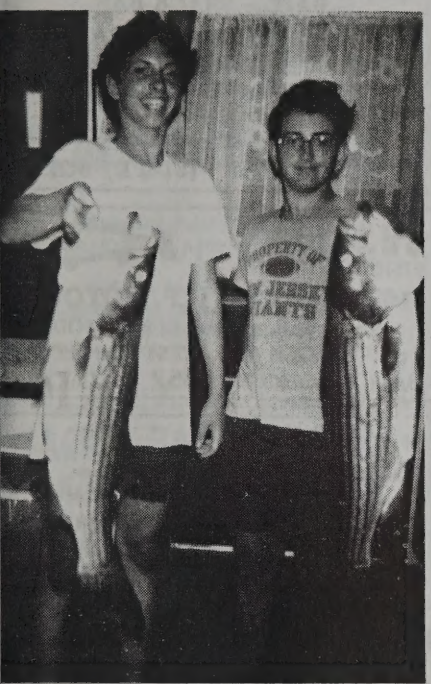

his shot is of Tommy Steil, Jr., and his usin Paul Gardenere who was visiting om Newfoundland, N.J., and took his rst striper, a fifteen pounder. Tommy's sh went thirteen pounds.

SANDY HOOK

apt. Bunting of the "Sea Horse" reorted big bluefish at the Shrewsbury ocks off New Jersey. There are many sh in the 12 to 14 lb. class and they ill run as high as 16 lbs. Anglers were tching bass on worms off of the Golf all. These bass went from 3 to 5 lbs.

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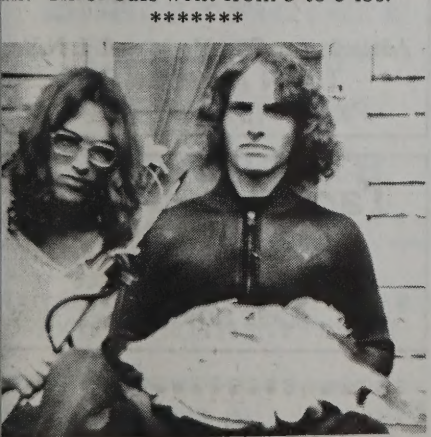

Richard and John Fennimore, of Brooklyn, with an orange filefish, speared at he Rockaway Inlet.

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SHARK RIVER

Al Shinn of the "Miss Belmar" reported there are lots of blues at the Klondike. These fish are averaging 4 to 5 lbs. and they are being chummed. Sea Bright has very good porgy action with clam as bait. There is still some fluke action available. These fish are going to 3 lbs.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Fin & Feather's Annual Bluefish and Striped Bass Tournament was a smashing success. The tournament was won on the last night of the Full Moon Tournament by Marshall Helfand on the "Encore III" with a 32 lb. bass and by Richard Vigitane on the "Triton" with a 20 lb. bluefish. The Encore III also picked up the prizes in the Woman's Division and the Junior Division, with Mrs. Susan Gayley with a 24 lb. bass and Bob Killey, Jr. wrapping up the Jr. Division with a 29½ lb. bass. Ironically, Bob Killey won last year's Jr. Division with the identical weight bass.

Over 75 anglers fished the Tournament. The prizes awarded were: $100 cash for the largest bass plus a trophy and a complete mount. The same prize was awarded for the largest bluefish.

The Jr. Division received $50 cash and a trophy. The winner of the Woman's Division received $50 cash and a trophy. The tournament was held at Montauk Marine Basin, Montauk Point. The tournament was held Sept. 19 through Sept. 24. All the fish caught were taken on either bucktails or feathers with pork rind.

COULD BE A RECORD

Dan Catalano, of Rye, N.Y., caught a 15¾ lb. bluefish on 6 lb. test line and a Little Cleo lure. Dan took his fish in the waters off Rye, N.Y. and it could make the I.G.F.A. records for 6 lb. test line.

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FISHING TOURNAMENT

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A kit of information is awaiting anglers interested in this first-ever large tournament in this area. It can be had by calling (516) 477-1310 or by writing "Fishing Tournament," Box 224, Greenport, N.Y. 11944. The kit contains the rules and regulations, complete instructions, a directory of local services listing marinas, motels, restaurants, fishing stations, etc., and application forms. It answers just about every question an angler could think to ask about the tournament.

Upon receipt of application, registrants will be sent their identification-card, tournament patch and bumper sticker, affidavit of catch forms and a chart showing the best bluefish and striped bass fishing areas. Free dockage is provided inboards, free ramps and parking for outboards.

The Greenport Aquaseum which is sponsoring the tournament is a non-profit educational project proposed for this historic fishing village. It will be a $10 million aquarium, museum complex on a waterfront site housing live and stationary marine exhibits for the general public; laboratories and instruction rooms for the use of research and study groups from the Eastern L.I. Colleges and High Schools.

According to Tournament Chairman Peter Stack, a high degree of interest has been shown by out-of-area fishing clubs, some of which are registering as many as ten boats. "Local registrations are also running high," he said. "It looks like about every local angler who owns a boat, a rod and a reel will be out there."

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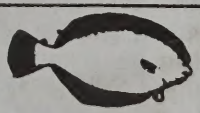

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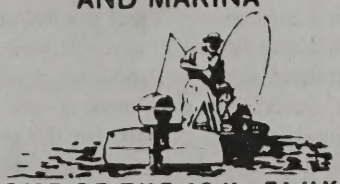

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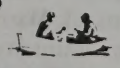

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The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division XII's Long Island Boating Patrols are being extended to October 15. Division XII Operations Officer Marcus Valicenti made the announcement. A total of 94 rescues and assists were accomplished by Division XII Auxiliary members during patrols through August 31.

The following Auxiliarists and their boats were on patrol this season between May 20 and September 17: W. Tauber, A. Cohen, S. Logothetis, M. Wax, C. Fertitta, K. Wolf, L. Wheaton, F. Rostenberg, F. Vanaalst, M. Borden, I. Roberts, L. Nass, P. Nachemson, T. Baltrus, T. Prager, B. Kushelefsky, L. Nierenberg, L. Martines, M. Valicenti, D. Katz, K. Jacobs, F. Farkas, M. Bauer, R. Hansen, M. Tyler, J. Weiss, W. Vincent and R. Karlin.

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BRIDGEPORT

Stowie at the Sportsman's Den told the story of driving to the beach last Wednesday night to find the blues breaking only a few feet off Pleasure Beach. A fisherman, dressed in a business suit, pulled up, jumped from his car, and discarded his sport jacket. Pulling his waders from the trunk, he assembles his rod and reel, all the time glancing over his shoulder at those boiling fish. He must have remembered that the water is still warm in September, because apparently afraid the blues would leave before he made it to the water, he suddenly tossed the waders back into the trunk, and waded in, nicely pressed suit pants and all.

As it was the fish never did go down, and were up for better than a couple of hours. Everybody caught fish.

Roy at Bob's Bait tells us the fish were so close to the beach, no cast was necessary. "Just dangle the plug from the end of the rod and slap the water with it," said Roy. Al Sabo and two partners took a bundle inside Bridgeport Harbor that weighed up to 14 lbs. gutted.

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WESTPORT

Ed Boland at Westport Tackle tells of Bedford's Point, and how the fishermen found blues on one side of the reef and bass on the other one morning last week. Pete Pullen, fishing that spot, picked up a trio of 12 pounders. Bob Franco, fishing the Westport surf, counted 20 bass in an evening to 12 pounds, many being released.

For the female side, Mrs. Wagner took a mixed bag of 73 porgies and flounders from the Saugatuck River last weekend. Biggest blue of the week was weighed in by Jack Stein, a 17½ pound fish taken on a bunker.

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NORWALK

Blues steady at 11B, 24C, and the Green Trees on Sheffield Island, according to Bruce Mola. Tom Spriggs recorded an 18½ lb. bass and a 16½ lb. blue, using sandworms and bunker respectively. Donald Scott too varied his baits for a 26 pound linesider on a sandworm, and a 22 pounder on bunker. Bruce himself hit a blue weighing 15½ lbs. on bunker. Flounder and porgies are hitting at Calf Pasture Pier. Joe, of Joe's Boats, picked up one of those bonito everybody's been seeing around 24C. It scaled 10 pounds even. He was trolling a triple rig.

At Four Winds, Rita was kind of anxious to get fishing, but reported some bluefish action off Calf Pasture, among many other areas.

At the Tackle Box, we heard about Bill Wall from Overtons, who took a 12 lb. blue. Neil Overton told of seeing three or four schools of big bass in the 15 to 20 lb. class. Flounders and frostfish are showing up better by the day, with lots of action around Cockenoe Island.

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ROWAYTON

We found Al Schwab minding the Bait Shop. Al is a verteran bass fisherman, and passed on the word that trollers are doing well in Darien waters. Chico Ezzo trolled worms on Saturday of last week to tally 30 bass to 25 lbs. On Tuesday, he did it again, counting 23 fish, and with the same top wieght of 25 lbs. Richie Volland finally tied partner Roy DeMague's 39 lb. striper. Blues are thick too in Darien waters, and running to about 12 lbs. They've even hit Weed Beach for the surf men on a couple of occasions.

At Hickory Bluff, Bill Valentine reported the bass so-so, blacks beginning to hit well, a few flounder, and millions of porgies.

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Ronnie Kowalsky and sons, Benny and Billy, age 12 and 13 years, with six stripers up to 33 lbs. Photo courtesy of Pat's Marina, Stamford, Conn.

MAMARONECK

Fred Archer has never seen anything like it, and he didn't just start fishing a year ago. They're in the harbor here for the first time ever. One pair of anglers were casting plugs 200 feet outside his boat dock, and tallied 20 choppers before they quit. That's good fishing.

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GREENWICH

Last Friday was the greatest day ever for this locale, at least as far as bluefishermen were concerned. Choppers were on top from Greenwich Point to Byram, even hitting the beach at Steamboat Road. Trollers averaged 60 to 80 a boat, with casters averaging 20 to 35 per boat. Rudy Biaggi and his dad recorded 60 fish. Dr. Duxbury and Benny Goodman tried their salmon fly rods for an exciting day. Dan Catalano found them off Larchmont breakwaters, and took them casting to 18½ lbs. His 15¾ lb. fish will be entered to try for an IGFA 6 pound record. Al Mencetti took a 40 lb. bass, and Carl Oberg trolled for 22 bass weighing up to 25 lbs. Many schools of small stripers boiling like blues are being spotted. They measure from 12 to 20 inches. Phil Schultz hooked and RELEASED 40 in an afternoon. Pete Obe did the same with 30 more. Bill Carlson trolled a dozen blues to 14¼ lbs., and his dad lost a real big one. Mackerel are moving in - both in Stamford Harbor and the Mianus River.

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STAMFORD

At Pat's Marina, Chris found the blues slowing down, but only because there was a slowdown in anglers. Mackerel are in good here. Some humpbacked porgies are around, and loads of sand porgies. The New Jersey crowd returned for the fall blackfish run and are hitting them well.

Jack at Jack's Bait & Tackle found the blues and bass mixed here too, and all over the surface near Collanders. Sand porgies thick here and as everywhere else, snappers have suffered a (temporary, we hope) slowdown.

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NEW HAVEN

Walt too was happy, especially since the New Haven surf broke wide open. Blues galore at Savin Rock, Milford, and Long Wharf. Poppers or bait on the bottom. The porgy picture at Stony Creek could only be described by the two anglers who had come in a short time before with 137 pounds from Stony Creek. Stripers, though small, are in at Morningside. Most are around three pounds. Bob Herndon and Dr. Fischman came in high hook for the week with 70 blues, all on poppers. Blackfish are also on the way up. An angler named Jack, who is recuperating from a recent operation, did it the right way by taking several blacks, a 6 and a 10 pounder among them.

The 1972 season is starting to shape up as the biggest fall run in recent history. For many, it will be the first exciting introduction into this wonderful world of fishing.

Please remember, it is a SPORT! A sportsman practices courtesy. He also keeps in mind that SAFETY is important. There's more to the game than just catching fish. Keep safety, sportsmanship and courtesy in mind, and you'll enjoy fishing even more.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported very good bluefishing at Execution Light and Huckleberry. These choppers are averaging 8 pounds, with many going to 12 lbs., and a few as high as 18 lbs. Porgies are all over. These are mostly small sand porgies and worm baits are working best on them. Hunters Island and the Bridge offers some nice blackfishing. Snapper action is as good as ever. Short bass are in the surf.

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BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reported good porgy fishing at Centre Island. Bluefish are off of the Reef. These blues range in size from 4 to 8 lbs. and they are being trolled. The striped bass action is fair. Mostly small fish are located inside and they are being trolled with plugs.

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GLEN COVE

John Cocciola of Glen Cove Sports reported that Bill Martino, of Glen Cove, did a job on the blues at Prybil's Beach and at Peacock Point. Bill fished from 5 p.m. till dark. The poppers Bill used worked very well on the 6 to 12 lb. blues. Bill said the blues were so thick they were knocking themselves out of the water.

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NORTHPORT

Bowmann's Tackle Shop reported good bluefishing on the bottom at Makamah. You must use lead core or wire line or a drail of about 4 ozs. The fish run from 8 to 13 lbs. The blues came into the surf at Sand City and plugging paid off very well. In the bay, big snappers and flounders are available. Porgies are inside and also outside of the beaches. Blackfish are also available and they run from 2 to 3 lbs.

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PORT JEFFERSON

The Caraftis Tackle Shop reported good bluefishing inside or outside the harbor. Inside you must use bunker and outside you can troll them. These blues will run as high as 14 lbs., with even larger ones mixed in. The porgy fishing, consisting of both regular and sand, is very good. There is good blackfishing at Old Field Point and the left jetty. The bass action consists mostly of shorts at the Narrows.

John Stulgatis, Bob Alfano and Thor Stratton with 26 bluefish from 5 to 10 lbs., caught off Crane's Neck Point aboard Mickey Chiarenza's boat, the "Tri-Fin." The blues readily hit black or red 5 oz. and 7½ oz. Tri-Fin eels.

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MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Tackle Shop reported good bluefishing straight out of the harbor. These blues are averaging 6 to 10 lbs., with a few in the mid-teens. A 16¼ lb. chopper was taken off of Old Field. These fish are being trolled with tubes. The Green Bananna is working very well. There are nice sized porgies outside the harbor and they are taking worms, clam or

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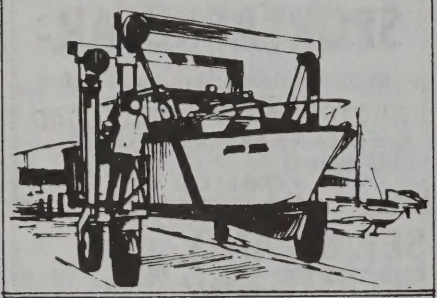

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squid. Blackfish can be located at Mt. Misery and Rocky Point. Flounders are starting to show a little better now.

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PECONICS

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt reported that porgy fishing at South Ferry and the Windmills is very good. Porgies from 1 to 1¾ lbs. are taking clam or worm baits. Orient Point has good blackfishing at the lighthouse. Crabs employed as bait will produce fish from 2 to 6 lbs. Petty's Bight has nice porgy action. These fish run from 1½ to 2½ lbs., and clams are working best in the bait department. Flounders can be found at the same spot. The flatties run from ¾'s to 1½ lbs. If there is a strong wind out of the north, try the flounder fishing off of Orient State Park. You can have the same flounder action without the wind. Blues are in at Plum Gut and the Race. These 4 to 9 lb. fish are being jigged or trolled.

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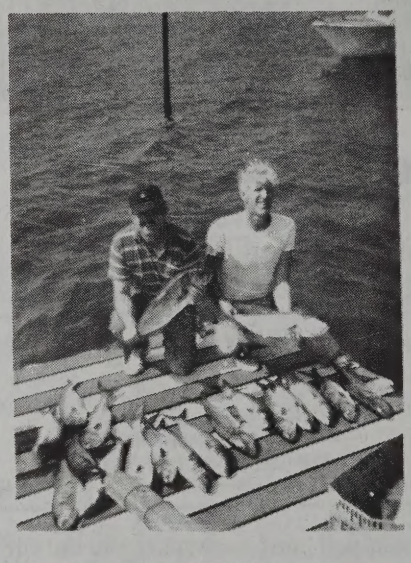

Walt Ditzel and Al Shields, of Lawrence, with some of the 60 blues which they caught in the Sound off Buoy 11B.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported good porgy fishing with shiners as bait. There is good blackfishing at Robins Island. Crabs are best in the bait department. There is good weakfishing at Middle Ground and Rose's Grove, with squid and worms best for bait. James Carolan and Red Sigaski, of Jamaica, had 70 weakfish up to 4 lbs. They also had kingfish and snappers. This action took place at Rose's Grove.

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GREENPORT

White's Tackle Shop reported that blues averaging 10 lbs. are at the south side of Plum Island and the Race. They are also at Pigeon Rip. Anglers are using 8 oz. diamond jigs to score. Blackfish from 3 to 4 lbs. are at Orient Point and Gull Island. Stripers are being taken from the surf at the South Race and East Marion. These bass are of schoolie size and they are hitting Creek Chubs, Atom Striper Swipers and sandworms.

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South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Bob Killey of the Montauk Marine Basin reported that, weather permitting, the fishing couldn't be better. Bluefish are all over and many of the charter boats catch 20 to 50 fish per trip. The striped bass action is definitely on the upswing. On Friday and Saturday, excellent fishing for bass took place. There were a few fish in the high forties caught. Large humpbacked porgies are being caught around the area known as Great Eastern Rock. Weakfishing is good in the bay off Culloden Point, Rocky Point and Bill Point. Offshore fishing is just about over but a few charter boats are still picking up sharks. Surf casters are getting a few big bass off the Point and at Shagwong.

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Captains George and Brad Glas reported fantastic fishing on the "Hel-Cat" and the "Helen II." The pool fish on the Hel-Cat was a bass of about 19 lbs. Albacore from 18 to 20 lbs. were also taken. There are plenty of fish for everyone at the Race. Whole herring is used for bait. The Helen II had the 1400 Rod & Gun Club from Staten Island aboard. The blues which these anglers caught averaged 12 lbs., with some going from 18 to 21 lbs. Everyone aboard had plenty of fish.

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Capt. Les Behan skipper of the "Peconic Queen" reports that the codfishing is still good at Coxes Ledge and with the high winds we have been having it should get better. We generally get an influx of dogfish after these winds but this has not been the case so far this year. On Sun-

day we had over 1000 lbs. of cod for 6 passengers form N.J. Al Syzarth of North Bergen, N.J. and Ralph Lehr of Jersey Ctiy were tied for first place with identical 50 lb. codfish.

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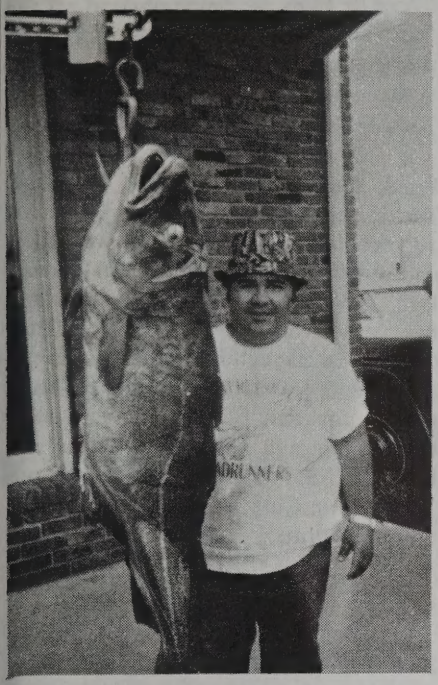

Hector Lebron, of N.Y.C., with a 56 lb. cod. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen."

MONTAUK

Capt. Richie Rade skipper of the "Marlin III" reports excellent porgy fishing right off the point. Capt. Rade tried a new spot during the week and has been loading up on big sea bass in this area daily.

Capt. Whitey Bateman, skipper of the "Four Queens" reports that the stripers are starting to come in around the Point. On Sunday we had a few bass up to 21 lbs., all taken on bucktail jigs. The bluefish are still hanging on.

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SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows skipper of the "Capt. Clark II" reports that the porgy fishing remains excellent between Nassau Point and Robbins Island. Weakfishing is spotty, some days we do well and other days it's very slow.

Capt. Clark, Jr. skipper of the "Capt. Clark" has had excellent results with porgies at a wreck to the east of where his father has been fishing. Ed Burns and friend of Queens caught 107 porgies at this wreck on Sunday. It's almost flounder time and Capts. Clark will both start fishing these flatties on October 15. Jr. will sail from Shinnecock while Dad will leave from Sag Harbor.

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HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Berhle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported that the flounders are in like crazy. Fishermen are catching plenty of good sized flounders in the Basket area of Shinnecock Bay. Kingfishing is good in the same general areas as the flounder fishing.

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SAG HARBOR

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina reports on Saturday the Albert Family and Joe and Bill Fales of Queens fished the waters around Jessup Neck and buoys 17 and 18 and caught 60 black fish but only kept 25 of them. The largest black tipped the scales at 6¼ lbs. followed by a pair of 5 pounders. Some porgys and blowfish were mixed in. Weakfishing, is holding up and flounders are just starting.

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Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reported fishing has been a little quiet this past week. Some 2 lb. weaks are being caught at the South Ferry and Monastery areas. Porgy fishing is good at Cedar Point and Buoys 6, 10 and 11. There are no blues locally, but bluefishing is still very good at Plum Gut and Gardiners Island. The flounders have started to show and snappers are still around.

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MORICHES

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing has picked up in the last week. Nancy's son, 8 year old Chuck and his friend 65 year old Hank Schlanger caught 36 flounder, 33 kings, and 16 sea bass. "It was a real good catch", said Nancy. Come to Skidmores for more information.

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SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports good blowfish and snapper fishing. Paul Paugh and son Danny fishing Brown's Creek Jetty had 15 weaks about 2 to 3 lbs.,½ dozen kings, blowfish and snappers, plus 1 sea bass. Squid and spearing worked well for all the fish caught.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Capt. Litwin," reported fair fluke fishing under the Captree Bridge. These fluke average about 3 lbs. and fishermen are averaging 5 to 6 fish per man.

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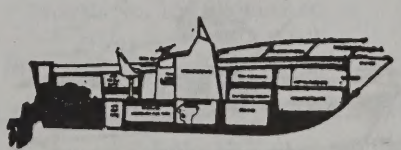

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Capt. Carl Bauer, skipper of the "Capt. Whittaker," reported that the fishing over the weekend was just fantastic. On Saturday, over 400 blacks up to 5 lbs. were taken. Sunday was even better, with over 500 fish better than 6 lbs. being taken. The action took place in the bay at the inshore wrecks.

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Two members of the Farragut Fishing Club, of Brooklyn, with stripers up to 34 lbs. They were taken in the surf at Jones Beach. Photo courtesy of the Causeway Bait & Tackle, Wantagh.

BABYLON

Jean Principe of Augies Bait & Tackle reports the results of the Babylon Tuna Clubs albacore contest. First place went to Charlie Bezold aboard the "Cathy J" with an 8 lb. 9 oz. albacore. Second place went to Stella Baldwin on the boat "My Desire" with an 8 lb. 8 oz. albacore. Third place was Graham Pain on board the "Cathy J" with a 8 lb. 2 oz. fish. Fishermen drifting Hi-Lo rigs in the Fire Island Inlet are taking fluke, weaks, and sea bass. Boat trollers are using bucktails and tubes on the blue.s Steamboat Channel has some good bluefishing for the chummers. AndreTrylink aboard his boat the "Steadoff" had an excellent porgy fishing at Dickerson's Channel. Stephen Alfano and father of West Islip, caught 2 striped bass of 15 lbs. and 15½ lbs. jigging bucktails at the Fire Island Inlet. They caught 8 bluefish also. Three lb. blues are being plugged off the Sore Thumb Jetty. The Babylon town docks are still producing snappers and crabs.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait and Tackle reports that 9 year old Chris and 13 year old Jim Carroll fishing with their dad at Cedar Beach landed 4 bass to 23 lbs., using sand worms. There is some bass action on the inside in the State Channel on clam chum. Flounders are in the deepholes in the East Bay, use worms for bait. There is still good weakfishing and kingfishing at the 3rd bridge. John Walters of the Bellmore Rod & Gun Club had a 7½ lb. weakfish on sand worms.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported the flounder fishing has picked up considerably in the last week. Fred and Joe O'Casey, of Wantagh, had 26 flounders from 1 to 1½ lbs. off Cuba Island in Merrick Bay. John Shore and Joe O'Brien, of Brooklyn, caught 18 flounders and four weaks east of the 3rd bridge. Some snapper blues are being taken in the bay. Crabbing is still holding up all over.

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The report from Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle is good. There is flounder fishing at 4 corners, worms are working best as bait. Weaks are being caught at the bridges and there were a few stripers taken out of the surf on plugs at Jones Beach. They weighed in at about 10 lbs.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger skipper of the Capt. Jack Starstream reports bluefishing continues to hold up at the Cholera Banks. We make one drop all day and

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atch blues up to 15 pounds. A few lbacore are being caught. The better shermen are getting 20 to 30 fish a trip hile a novice gets 5 or 6 blues a trip.

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The report from Freeport Cold Storage s blues, albacore, and conito at the Cholera Banks. They are chumming for hese 8 lb. and over fish. In the bays we ave flounder, kings and still some weaks.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White skipper of the "Angler II" eports bluefishing remains good in the vaters around the Cholera Banks. Fish p to 15 pounds have been chummed in his area. Many albacore have been taken lso.

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ANNUAL OYSTER FESTIVAL

Plans were finalized for the Annual Oyster Festival and Craft Exhibit at a meeting held with Long Island Oyster Farms, Inc., Shelter Island Oyster Co., Inc. and the sponsoring Greenport-Southold Chamber of Commerce.

This event will be held (rain or shine) on Saturday, October 7, 1972 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Greenport, N.Y. Crafts for sale will be in the building and in a designated outdoor area.

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STRICTLY CASTING

the complianed-about fellow was speeding and endangering the life of a child on the beach. But after the cop got called over, it was necessary for all of us to get investigated. Those Americans without the Babylon Sticker had to leave Cedar Beach. The cop did not enjoy doing this.

I hope blue Wagoneer, 7684 HQ comes up to West Meadow Beach, which I wrote about for last week, to my regret now. This is 'my' beach.

Is there any reason why I should write about beaches for surfcasting, if it is permissible for only some guys to drive 4-wheel on certain beaches? This is why I quit the Long Island Beach Buggy Association. They are very good about having jamborees. But what did they do about the Cedar Beach problem?

How is it that there is any stretch of shoreline that belongs to any township? Why is this thing desirable?

Fishing, for me, was for a long time something very private. I do not mean just secret. More than that, I just tried to ignore how there were a lot more people starting to go fishing. When I found it impossible to ignore this, as at the North Bar at Montauk, I simply moved on and forgot about the North Bar. You can have it. But by 1968 I got the impression that there are some real problems now penetrating even this sport. Then last year I started this column and thought that by giving some of the places and things that I had 'discovered' for surfcasting, a certain appreciative sharing might result; some changes in stupid behavior might result on the beaches; and a certain amount of working together on issues of pollution - including the boat traffic - might result.

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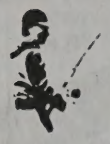

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The presence of a good supply of small bait fish in most of the popular fishing areas around Narragansett Bay attracted lots of bigger fish, much to the angler's delight, and some good catches were reported.

Bass and bluefish were the mainstays this past week, although squeteague fishing was reported as being better than it had been for several seasons.

The bluefish were averaging 8 to 10 lbs. in weight, although one weighing station had an 18 lb. 15 oz. blue brought in.

Bass were running somewhat on the heavy side, with one 46 pounder reported. It was expected that they would be around for some time.

Shellfishing was reported as okay, although scalloping was still on the light side.

Prevailing bait and water conditions augur well for the forthcoming 10th Annual Striper Tournament, scheduled for October 8th to the 15th at Newport. Fishing will start at 5 a.m. on Sunday the 8th and continue until 1 p.m. on the 15th. Newport's Port-O-Call will be the headquarters. (401) 847-0100 is the phone number to use if further details are desired.

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NEWS RELEASE

David Tollefson, a marine technician in fisheries oceanography at the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Montauk, is scheduled to spend the first three weeks in October aboard the Soviet research trawler Blesk as New York State's scientific representative in the 8th annual U.S.-U.S.S.R. cooperative Fall Groundfish Survey from Cape Cod, Mass., to Cape Hatteras, N.C.

In announcing the assignment, Dr. John C. Baiardi, director of the Laboratory, said increasing significance was being placed on the problems of offshore resources.

"We are pleased to be participating in an international effort on behalf of New York State," Dr. Baiardi said, "and particularly so since there is the strong probability that problems of overfishing in offshore waters has an influence on the inshore fisheries with which we are primarily concerned."

Albert C. Jensen, regional supervisor of Marine and Coastal Resources for the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation, said the department was fortunate to be represented by highly qualified scientific personnel of the NYOSL.

"The data collected are of mutual importance to the Laboratory, the state, the United States and the U.S.S.R.," Mr. Jensen said.

Dr. Herbert M. Austin, associate research scientist in Fisheries Oceanography at the Laboratory, served aboard the Blesk in last year's survey cruise. He will analyze portions of the data with Mr. Tollefson and submit the findings to the state and federal agencies.

The Blesk and the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service research vessel, the Albatross IV, work together on the surveys with scientists from both nations aboard each ship. The program is designed to measure the relative abundance and distribution of different species of commercially important fish and to determine the recruitment (the success of the current year's spawning) of each species.

The two vessels are scheduled to sail from Woods Hole, Mass., on Oct. 2, returning to that port on Oct. 20. Working around the clock, they will steam approximately 1,500 miles in conducting the program of identifying, counting, measuring, weighing, and determining the ages of species brought up in their trawls.

Mr. Tollefson, who earned a Bachelor's degree in biological oceanography at Humboldt State College, Eureka, Calif., worked as a technician for nine months in NYOSL's Chemical Oceanography Laboratory before transferring to the Fisheries Oceanography Laboratory 15 months ago.

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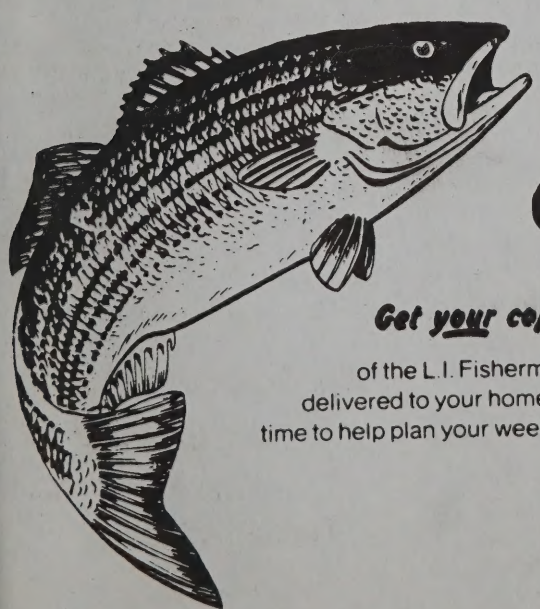

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Thur.		
Fri.	7:12	7:28
Sat.	7:51	8:03
Sun.	8:26	8:40
Mon.	8:59	9:13
Tues.	9:35	9:49
Wed.	10:12	10:24
Thur.	10:47	10:59
	11:27	11:44

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
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MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	11:11	11:35
Sat.	11:48	--------
Sun.	12:12	12:21
Mon.	12:43	12:44
Tues.	1:05	1:02
Wed.	1:24	1:27
Thur.	1:49	2:02
	2:26	2:39

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	10:32	10:57
Fri.	11:13	11:36
Sat.	11:51	--------
Sun.	12:14	12:27
Mon.	12:50	1:05
Tues.	1:30	1:42
Wed.	2:08	2:21
Thur.	2:51	3:06

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	8:44	9:08
Fri.	9:20	9:45
Sat.	9:56	10:21
Sun.	10:31	10:57
Mon.	11:07	11:33
Tues.	11:45	--------
Wed.	12:14	12:24
Thur.	12:59	1:07

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
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Montauk Inlet	-0	25
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It is not enough that private individuals and some of the towns have barred surfcasters from the beaches, now we are getting the supreme runaround from a Park Superintendent and a lack of communication on the part of the Parkway Police that patrol the Park. I strongly suggest that anyone who fishes at SMSP check with the police as to where they can park every time they enter the park. Perhaps this will prevent them from receiving a summons. They should not rely on what they were told in the past. I also think that all those who want greater access to the parks write to both the Long Island State Park Commission and to Commissioner Aldrich of the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation in Albany. To add insult to injury, no fish were caught on Monday night.

Yours very truly,
Charles F. Elhardt

P.S.- Thanks for including "Strictly Casting" by Vince - it's great.

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